Subject: Numismatic books on Chinese coins

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The American Numismatic Society,
New-York.

Dear Sir,

In order to complete the numismatic library of the Society I should like to offer for purchase my publications on Chinese Coins and Currency, as follows:

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Compelled by the need of present time — it lays heavy on my heart — I should like to sell this most splendid collection, which surely is one of the most valuable and extensive in existance.

It contains about 420 different specimens of ancient „not-round" forme, as knife- Pu- and spade-coins etc., and moreover very much „Rarissima" of round coins.

I should be ready to sell this collection at the price of 8000.- $. I should like to ask you if the Numismatic Society takes an interest in acquiring this collection

If there is a possibility and you should wish to negotiate thereon I am willing to send to you a short enumeration of my collection and photographs or rubbings of the most rare specimens included in it.

Please give me your information at your earliest convenience and oblige

yours truly

Richard Schlösser.

I enclose four rubbings of ancient Pu-coins of my collection, which, as I believe are hitherto unknown and unpublished. Do you know them? No 1 and 2 are illustrated in two of my own publications.

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Dear Sir:

I was very much interested in receiving your letter concerning your writing on Chinese coins and your collection. Possibly you may know that we have undoubtedly the finest collection of Chinese coins in the world, numbering over 30,000. Our ancient coins are extremely strong and consist of the Ramsden, Feng, Ro, Munro and Reilly collections. You undoubtedly may have some specimens we do not have. Nevertheless, I imagine that nearly all of yours would duplicate our collection. We are absolutely in no position to buy anything at the present time. Also, there seems to be absolutely no interest in Chinese coins at the present day in this country, either among collectors or museums. I am turning your letter over to our librarian for him to check up the books and pamphlets that we might want. I remain

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

P. S. We are enclosing $11.00 in United States currency. Please send all of the nine books and pamphlets that you listed as we find we do not have any of your works.

H. W.